



Duvall News

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Community Member,

Our city is hard at work on a number of projects and events. The big one is the Main Street reconstruction project, which is now underway. The contractor is replacing the water main and has recently started on the sidewalks too. The downtown businesses are open and I know they would appreciate you stopping by to dine or do your holiday shopping.

I hope many of you were able to make it to the Trick or Treat Event on Halloween. It was a great event and I hope the parents had as much fun as their kids. It's always a 'treat' to see all the wonderful costumes. Even my 10 year old who is too cool to dress up had fun.

Another big event to put on your calendar is the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Event. The City is doing something a little different this year. In years past the City had funding available for and was able to replace and repair the lights on the big cedar tree at the entrance to McCormick Park. Maintaining and replacing lights on the tree is very costly. This year we are planting a new Holiday Tree near the Depot Building. I hope this event will be as meaningful as past tree lighting events and grow as the community continues to grow. Please see the *Holiday Happenings* insert about the Holiday Tree Lighting as well as other events taking place throughout the holiday season.

The Economic Development Committee is hard at work to make sure that the events we have all come to enjoy – Duvall Days, SummerStage, Movies in the Park – will return next year. The group is made up of three of your council members – Anne Laughlin, Dianne Brudnicki, and Vicki Edwards. They are an energetic, creative trio and have made great strides recruiting volunteers for different events. They are looking for more volunteers and for sponsors. If you want to help out or know of an organization that would like to make a donation, please contact the City. Keep your eyes open for more articles in this newsletter about upcoming events and how you can help out.

Finally, Shelley Olson from our own Police Department conducted her first Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) class for women in September. It was a great success and gave the women who attended a greater sense of confidence in their abilities to protect themselves. The next class is scheduled for December 1st, 2nd, 8th & 9th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Shelley at 425-788-1519 for more information.

For those that would like to meet with me to discuss city issues, I will be at CC's Espresso on November 15th from 9:00a.m. to 10:30a.m.

Take care,

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE: DUVALL EVENTS

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) is finalizing the Duvall Events Menu which will be available at City Hall in November. The Events Menu will list ways to contribute, volunteer, and sponsor Duvall's 2009 calendar of events. We encourage everyone - residents, businesses, churches, community organizations - to take copies to distribute to friends and neighbors. The EDC is working with Cari Hornbein at the City and community volunteers who have pledged their time and energy to help coordinate and manage events like Duvall Days and the Farmers Market.

We still need volunteers to fill steering committee positions and to staff upcoming events! A lot of Summer 2009 events begin their preparations NOW so don't delay! Please contact City Hall at 425-788-1185 or jodi.wycoff@duvallwa.gov to let us know if you can help.

MAIN STREET UPDATE

As you have all probably noticed, the Main Street project is in full swing. Main Street businesses will remain open during construction and will need your continued support throughout the project. Parking is available both on and off of Main Street for your use during construction. Please visit the Main Street link through the City's website for project updates and parking information.

WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE

Each year the water and sewer rates increase by the June Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Seattle-Tacoma area. This increase is to keep up with the rising costs of repairing and maintaining the water system and treatment systems. While new development pays for growth related expenses of the utilities through connection and capital facilities charges, the monthly utility billings pay for the ongoing operations.



The June Seattle-Tacoma CPI is 5.8%. This increase will apply to the water rates on January 1, 2009 and will appear on the utility bills that are sent out in February 2009 (this is the January *usage* bill). The sewer and storm drain rates will not increase.

The minimum increase will be \$1.24 per month. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Goodwin, Utility Billing Clerk, at 425-788-1185 or you can email her at stephanie.goodwin@duvallwa.gov.



PARK PLAN UPDATE

Throughout 2008, City staff has been working with consultants from EDAW, Inc. on a Park, Trail, and Open Space (PTOS) Plan for Duvall. This plan will provide a 20-year vision for park and recreational facilities in Duvall and look at funding sources (grants, impact fees on new development, etc.) needed to implement this vision.

The Park and Recreation Element of the Comprehensive Plan will also be amended to incorporate the PTOS Plan. The planning process has included public workshops and a city-wide park survey, but there are still opportunities to learn more and share your ideas.

The Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the PTOS Plan on Thursday, November 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center. The City Council's hearing on the PTOS Plan is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Fire Station.

Finally, you can keep up with the latest updates on the Park, Trails, and Open Space Plan on the City website (www.duvallwa.gov under "2008 Park Plan Update") or by contacting Cari Hornbein, Planning Director, at 425-788-1156 or cari.hornbein@duvallwa.gov.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING

With the help of King County Local Hazardous Waste grant funds and Duvall True Value Hardware and Garden, the City of Duvall is able to offer a permanent drop off location for household batteries.

The following battery "chemistries" will be accepted:

Alkaline

NiCad - Nickel Cadmium

NiMH - Nickel Cadmium and Metal

Li - Lithium

Li-ion - Lithium Ion



All batteries should have the "chemistry" name listed on them somewhere.

Bring your used batteries to Duvall True Value during their normal business hours. A checker will take your batteries for recycling. Please tape the contacts of each battery and separate the different chemistries.

Auto and boat batteries are still recycled at Duvall Auto Parts during normal business hours.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Jodi Lee Wycoff at City Hall, 425-788-1185 or jodi.wycoff@duvallwa.gov.

FLOODING INFORMATION



This time of year always brings rain, lots and lots of rain. And as most of you already know, for us here in the Snoqualmie Valley, all that rain means occasional flooding. It is a fact of life for us and we have to learn to deal with it when it occurs. Roads will likely close due to flooding at some point this season and when they do, we ask that you be patient with our Police Officers as they try to get you to and from wherever you need to go as quickly as possible. Here are some tips on how you can help:

Work from home if you can during a flood. That would mean one less car on the road and less time for you spent in traffic. Alternatively, you could change your hours so that your commute will be different than the majority.

Contact King County Roads to find out about closures before you hit the road. You can call them at 800-527-6237 or go to their website at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/kcdot/roads/roadalert/>. Another good resource for this information is the Regional Public Information Network at www.rpin.org/rpinweb/. You can sign up for email alerts about closures on either of these websites.

Go for a drive during the weekend when it is not flooding to find an alternate route that makes sense to you. You can find some options on our website at www.duvallwa.gov/helpfullinks.



And most importantly, BE SAFE & SMART! If a road is closed, it is closed for a reason. Even if you cannot see water on one side of the valley, it may be on the other side. Do not try to cross a road with standing water on it, it is deeper and swifter than you think. If you think a road should be re-opened, please contact King County Roads at the number listed above or the Duvall-Carnation Police Department at 425-788-1519.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



November 13th & 25th : City Council Meetings - 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Duvall Fire Station. (Please note that the 2nd Council Meeting in November has been moved to Tuesday, November 25th due to the Thanksgiving Holiday)

November 6th & 20th : Planning Commission Meetings - 7:00 p.m. at the Duvall Community Center.